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**PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**  
**(Pts. III)**

AMENDMENTS TO THE TELANGANAPANCHAYAT RAJ (AUTHORITY  
AND MANNER TO DISPOSE ELECTION PETITIONS IN  
RESPECT OF GRAM PANCHAYATS, MANDAL PRAJA  
PARISHADS AND ZILLA PRAJA PARISHADS) RULES, 2018.

*[G.O.Ms.No. 40, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development (Pts.III),  
25<sup>th</sup> June, 2019.]*

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 242 read with sub  
section (1) 286 of the Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 2018 (Act No. 5 of  
2018), the Government of Telangana hereby make the following rules, relating  
to Authority and manner to dispose of election petition in respect of Gram  
Panchayats, Mandal Praja Parishads and Zilla Praja Parishads namely.

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AMENDMENTS

In the said rules:-

1. In rule 2, in sub-rule (2), in clause (i) for the word "**following**" the word "**falling**" shall be substituted.
2. In rule 2, in sub-rule (2), in clause (i), in sub clause (a) for the words "**if there is more than**" the words "**if there are more than**" shall be substituted.
3. In rule 2, in sub-rule (2), in clause (i), in sub clause (b) the said Rules after the words **Senior Civil Judge** at the Head Quarters the following words shall be inserted, namely  
"the **Principal Senior Civil Judge**"
4. In rule 2, in sub-rule (2), in clause (i), in sub-clause (b) for the words "**if there is more than**" the words "**if there are more than**" shall be substituted.
5. For the explanation under rule 6, the following explanation shall be substituted, namely

**Explanation :-** For the purpose of the Rules the expression "Election Authority" shall mean,

- (i) in respect of the election of the Upa-Sarpanch, the Returning Officer appointed for conducting ordinary elections to the office of Sarpanch and Ward Members of the Gram Panchayat who presides over the meeting convened for the election of Upa-Sarpanch;
- (ii) in respect of the election of the President and Vice-President of Mandal Praja Parishad the **gazetted officer** authorized by the District Collector under Rule 3 and 8 of the Rules relating to conduct of Election of Member (Co-opted) and President/Vice-President of Mandal Parishad and Member (Co-opted) and Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of Zilla Praja Parishad;
- (iii) In respect of the election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of Zilla Praja Parishad, the District Collector as per Rule 14 and 19 of the rules relating to conduct of Election of Member (Co-opted) and President/Vice-President of Mandal Parishad and Member (Co-opted) and Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of Zilla Praja Parishad.

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